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SUBJECT: SEALING OF MEAT LOCKERS OF U.S. WARSHIPS VISITING
NEW ZEALAND

REF: WELLINGTON 4408 (DTG 260223Z NOV 76)

1. US AGRICULTURAL GUIDELINES CONCERNING VISITING PUBLIC
VESSELS ARE CONSIDERABLY MORE LENIENT THAN THOSE OF
NEW ZEALAND. PORT AGRICULTURAL OFFICERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO
DETERMINE IF VISITING VESSEL IS CARRYING FOOD PRODUCTS THAT
MAY CAUSE INTRODUCTION OF PESTS OR DISEASES INTO THE US.
IF THIS IS FOUND TO BE THE CASE, OFFICIALS THEN ADVISE
RESPONSIBLE SHIP'S OFFICER ON APPROPRIATE METHODS FOR
DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE WHILE SHIP IS IN PORT.

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2. USUAL PROCEDURE IS FOR AGRICULTURE OFFICER, AFTER OBTAINING PERMISSION OF SHIP'S CAPTAIN, TO BOARD SHIP AND DISCUSS IN GENERAL TERMS NATURE AND ORIGIN OF FOOD STORES. BOARDING IS NOT UNDERTAKEN WITHOUT PERMISSION. NEITHER INSPECTION NOR SEALING OF LOCKERS IS REQUIRED. IF AGRICULTURE OFFICER DETERMINES THAT SHIP CARRIES FOOD PRODUCTS THAT MAY HARBOR PESTS OR DISEASES, HE THEN ADVISES AS TO BEST METHODS FOR GARBAGE DISPOSAL. ENTIRE FOCUS OF THIS PROGRAM IS ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION.

3. USPHS OFFICIALS ARE NOT INVOLVED IN VISITS OF FOREIGN PUBLIC VESSELS.

4. COPY OF US GUIDELINES BEING POUCHED ROBINSON

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